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1. The attendance at the trade union conference held in Prague* was deliberately restricted. It was at first considered that the Cominform call a large trade union congress in Budapest or Prague, at which time the founding of a trade union publication, patterned after the Cominform's "For Peace and People's Democracy", would be discussed. Allegedly, upon the advice of [redacted] such a large meeting was disapproved. [redacted] who has been a personal friend of Martin Hrník*** for a long time and lived with him during his exile, focussed attention on [redacted]'s critical condition and on the resolution, passed about three months ago, forbidding Communist participation in the trade unions. Therefore, it was decided that, to avoid difficulties, the Prague meeting not be a large one.

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2. This decision was simplified by the fact that Hornik's theories for the Communist penetration of the London trade unions had been approved by the Cominform, thus making similar debate superfluous. The Prague meeting desired to evolve tactics which would realize the aim of the conference without resulting in a split. With this in mind the conference discarded the plan for an international publication and decided that conflict over any issue, including peace propaganda, was to be shunned.

3. Representatives of almost all countries were present. Among them were:

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Person

Trieste

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Austria

Martin Horník

East Germany

Lambert, Horne Ilchmann

West Germany

Fritz Krisner

Spain

Sircano, who is not a Communist but a leftist Socialist of the Prieto group

Yugoslavia

name not known, a refugee because of his Cominform connections

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CountryPerson

Greece

name not known, a delegate from Greece
and not an emigrant

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South America

A friend of Toledano, whom Hornik
has known for a long time

4. After Hornik's statements, the following resolutions were made:

- a. Any split in the unity of the trade unions was to be avoided at all costs.
- b. In the future struggle, special care should be given that an eventual strike not separate one trade union from other workers' groups. For example, in Italy an industrial strike and an agricultural strike were combined.
- c. All trade unions are to form a central committee for peace. At a special meeting the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) is to establish a central peace bureau. The Communist functionaries who belong to the London organization of the trade union are to do their utmost to minimize their contact with this central peace bureau.
- d. The WFTU was instructed to work with the central organization in the sabotaging of arms deliveries.
- e. The WFTU will send delegates to the central peace bureau, whose location of headquarters has not yet been determined.
- f. The immediate announcement of a WFTU publication will be prevented in order to avoid increased strain.

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* Comment: Presumably in May 1950.

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*** Comment: Martin Hornik is a well-known Austrian Communist.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~